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McClellan et al.

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INTERNAL LIGATION OF TUBULAR  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office communication mailed September 9, 2003, please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Abstract** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.